

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
HAJIME OHNO ) : Examiner: Abdou K. Seye  
Application No.: 10/761,291 ) : TC/Art Unit: 2194  
Filed: January 22, 2004 ) : Confirmation No.: 3179  
For: DATA PROCESSING METHOD, )  
INFORMATION PROCESSING ) :  
APPARATUS, AND PROGRAM ) : March 27, 2008

Mail Stop: RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) was filed herewith. Prior to continued examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner amend the above-identified application as follows:

- amendments to the claims are presented in the listing starting on page 2; and
- remarks are presented starting on page 8.